

STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Board of Education – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library
Prepared by Carol A. Johnston, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order/Roll Call

President Ricca called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Mr. Darrow, Mrs. Linton, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Ricca, Mrs. Schuler and Dr. Woeltje

Board member absent: Mr. Biroshchik

Board member temporary absence: Dr. Woeltje exited the meeting at 6:35 p.m. and returned at 7:00 p.m.

Administration present: Dr. Myers, Superintendent, Mrs. Mascal, Principal, Mr. Holmes, Assistant Principal-Dean and Mrs. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

Mrs. Ricca appointed Mrs. Dianna Schuler as acting Board of Education Secretary for the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

Board Salutes

Mrs. Linton commended Mr. Karth and the SHS Choir for their excellent performance of May 6, 2013.

Dr. Woeltje expressed he had received several compliments on the efficiency of the operation of the prior year's conference track meet which was hosted and run by SHS.

Mr. Darrow commented on the success of the 2013 SHS Scholarship Banquet and stated it was truly a wonderful night for everyone involved.

Mrs. Ricca also commended Mr. Brittin and the entire Guidance Department for their excellent organization of the SHS Scholarship Banquet.

Dr. Myers commended all the SHS clubs for their successful banquets as well as the students for their participation in community events throughout the 2012-2013 school year.

Dr. Myers thanked the entire SHS staff for their efforts throughout the 2012-2013 school year, expressing it was a great year.

Mr. Darrow commended everyone involved with the 2013 "Post Prom" for the successful turnout of the event.

Recognize STHS Staff Retirees

Dr. Myers recognized and thanked SHS retirees Mr. Jim Eccleston, Maintenance, and Ms. Charlene Foster, Paraprofessional, for their years of service and contributions to Streator Township High School.

Introduce Students of the Month

Mrs. Mascal introduced and recognized the May Students of the Month and presented each with a certificate.

Public Comment - None

Academic Topic – TEAM Survey Results – Consultant Dr. Toni Tollerud

Dr. Tollerud informed the Board of the process and procedure performed in regards to the climate survey conducted at SHS and presented via PowerPoint the results of the overall significance reflected on the post survey. Dr. Tollerud explained to the Board that the results of the pre and post surveys indicated improvement in the climate at SHS.

Mrs. Linton commended the TEAM Committee, Administration and Staff for their efforts in contributing to the survey and results.

Dr. Myers assured the Board we will continue putting items into place to make SHS a better place.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Linton, seconded by McFadden, to Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, May 06, 2013. Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION by Ricca, seconded by Schuler, to Approve all Items as Recommended Under Financial Reports in the Tuesday, May 21, 2013 Board Agenda. Ayes (5) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- A. Approve the April, 2013 Treasurer's Report and Budgetary Report
- B. Approve the May, 2013 Bills

Administrative Reports

Superintendent –

- Budget Amendment - STHS will adopt and display an amended budget for the 2012-2013 school year. A final Public Hearing on the budget will be conducted at 5:45 p.m. at the June 25th board meeting. The purpose of amending the budget is to present a more accurate picture of the revenue and expenses for the 2012-2013 school year.
- 2012-2013 Amended Calendar - Since SHS had a weather related school day cancellation in April, the last day for student attendance is Thursday, May 23rd and the last day for staff attendance, pending any further school day cancellations, is Friday, May 24th.
- Leasing Levy - STHS had initially planned to use the Leasing Levy Fund for purchasing a mower, oven, and truck, however, such items were not approved by our auditor. Since we are not able to use the Leasing funds as planned, the district will reallocate those funds to support the Technology budget and then use the funds planned for the Technology budget to cover the cost of the oven, mower, and snow plow.
- Truck Bid – Bids for the pickup truck and snow plow were completed and presented to the Board. Star Ford/Flinks was the low, qualified bidder. Dr. Myers recommended Star Ford/Flinks for purchase of the pickup truck and snow plow.
- Tennis Courts Lights and Gym Bleachers – Dr. Myers and the Board discussed options to decrease the operating cost or exposure to liability regarding the reconsideration of updating the tennis court lights. Since the day light saving time has been modified, STHS Tennis teams have not needed to use the tennis court lights. If the lights are not replaced, they will be removed which will save on the monthly lighting cost. Dr. Myers and the Board also discussed the removal of the bleachers in the South end of Pops Dale gym, which are a potential safety hazard concern. The bleachers would not be replaced. Dr. Woeltje expressed his concern for removal of the tennis court lights as they are often used by the community. Mrs. Ricca expressed concern related to liability issues.
- Designating Interest Earnings – Dr. Myers explained that in order to preserve the District's option to transfer accrued interest from one fund to another, the Board of Education will have to act at least once a year by passing a resolution designating interest accruing during the current fiscal year and all interest from prior years to still be interest going forward. The resolution must be adopted by June 28, 2013.
- Computers – Dr. Myers requested an additional \$4,000 of Leasing Levy Funds for the purchase of computers.
- Tax Computation - Dr. Myers informed the Board that the District should receive about \$28,000 more tax dollars than projected as a result of the actual decrease in the Tax Levy of .57% as oppose to 1.57% as predicted.
- Transcript Fees – Dr. Myers recommended authorization to charge a \$2.00 fee for transcript copy requests. The fee would be charged for any requested copies of transcripts other than those of the most recent graduating class.
- Maintenance Grant – STHS is applying for the 2013-2014 Maintenance Grant from the State of Illinois. The grant is a matching grant up to \$50,000. The funds will be used to support the Operations and Maintenance plan. STHS will report the improvement of the stadium bleachers to the Illinois State Board of Education.
- Student Activity Account – Dr. Myers recommended the addition of a Special Education Department Activity Account.
- STHS Summer Hours– Dr. Myers reviewed the summer work hours for the STHS Secretarial staff as per their contract. Secretary hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will begin Tuesday, May 28, 2013 through Wednesday, August 7, 2013.
- Bridge Program – Dr. Myers informed the Board that the grant for The Bridge Program at STHS has yet to be determined. STHS is responsible for the in-kind contributes, which is the use of the facility, some supplies, and availability of our social workers as needed. Since this is a Federally Funded Grant, it is anticipated the grant will be approved. Dr. Myers recommended approval of the Bridge Program for the 2013-2014 school year.
- STHS Education Foundation Update – Dr. Woeltje provided an update of the STHS Education Foundation and Community/Alumni Coordinator, Janice Corrigan. Dr. Woeltje commended Mrs. Corrigan for the additional newspaper article coverage STHS is currently receiving and the "9 RaHS" newsletter soon to be distributed to approximately 5,000 community and alumni members.

- IASB Resolution/School Board Member Representative – The Board discussed whether they would like to propose resolutions to the IASB and nominate a Board member to present resolutions at the IASB Conference.
- Job Descriptions – First Reading – A first reading was held on the Athletic Director, Band Director, Choir Director and FFA Advisor Job Descriptions with a second reading and possible approval at next month’s board meeting.
- IASB/PRESS Board Policy Updates – First Reading – The Board conducted a first reading of the School Board Policies being revised.

Principal -

- 2013-2014 Winter Sports Coaches Recommendation – The STHS Board reviewed the list of 2013-2014 Winter Sports Coach Recommendations.
- 2013-2014 Activities/Clubs Advisors/Directors Recommendations – The STHS Board reviewed the list of 2013-2014 Activities/Clubs Advisors/Directors recommendations.
- Sports Co-op Agreement – Woodland High School – The Board reviewed the Sports Co-op Agreement with Woodland High School for Boys Bowling, Girls Bowling and Scholastic Bowl for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – Boys Basketball Team Camp @ University of Northern Iowa - Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Trip for approval.
- Overnight Extended Student Trip – FFA Convention, Springfield, IL- Mrs. Mascall presented the Application for the Overnight/Extended Trip for approval.
- Biological Sciences Applied To Agriculture/Physical Sciences Applied to Agriculture – Proposed Course – Mrs. Mascall presented and reviewed the proposed course.
- Zero Hours – Mrs. Mascall updated the Board regarding the pilot for the “Zero Hour Health and Fitness” class. The class will meet M, T, Th from 6:15-7:35 a.m. and Fridays 7-7:30 a.m. The timeframe for the course allows for more in-depth strength training and recovery time. Students will need to have an agreement signed by a parent/guardian. Transportation will not be provided.
- Jack Wilson Academy – 3 Year Graduate - The Application for the Jack Wilson Academy 3 Year Graduate was submitted and reviewed.
- Facility Fee Waiver Request – Kimes School PTO, Rachel’s Challenge Community Event – Mr. Wargo submitted for review, the Facility Fee Waiver Request for the use of the STHS Auditorium.

Assistant Principal-Dean of Students –

- Student Handbook – 2nd Reading - Mr. Holmes reviewed the proposed changes to the Student Handbook regarding Student Book-Bags and Backpacks and the Detention Policy. The Discipline Committee has been meeting throughout the year to discuss changes to the Handbook policies.
 - *Student Book-Bags and Backpacks* - Students would be allowed to bring book-bags/backpacks to school, however, the book-bags/backpacks would remain in the lockers throughout the day. Certain circumstances determined by Administration would allow the use of book-bags/backpacks. ***This policy was tabled for future discussion. Mr. Holmes will re-discuss the proposed change to the policy with the committee.***
 - *Detention Policy* – Detentions will be removed from the detention list once a student reaches 12 detentions. At that time, the next level of reprimand would be assessed.
- Board Policy 7:180 – Bullying – Mr. Holmes informed the Board that the committee has met to discuss the current Bullying Policy 7:180. The committee approved the Bullying Policy 7:180 as is stated in the current Board Policy Manual. Mr. Holmes recommended the Board, as well, approve the policy as currently stated.

Closed Session

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Darrow, to go into Closed Session as per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; and as per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(21) for the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; and as per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9) for the discussion of Student Disciplinary Cases and as per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) for the collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees . TIME: 7:53 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Motion carried.

MOTION by Woeltje, seconded by Linton, to return to Regular Session. TIME: 8:26 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Motions from Closed Session

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Linton to approve the Contract Agreement with the Streator Federation of Teachers Council, A.F.T. Local 604, and the Streator Township High School Board of Education, District #40, for the 2013-2015 school years. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

Old Business

MOTION by Woeltje, seconded by Darrow, to Approve the STHS Student Handbook Detention Policy Updates as Recommended. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

New Business

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Schuler, to Approve all items listed under "New Business" on the May 21, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda with the Exception of A, D, E, F, K, L and T. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Darrow, to Approve All Items Listed Under "New Business", "Personnel" on the May 21, 2013, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Woeltje, to Approve the Pickup Truck and Snow Plow Bid from Star Ford/Flinks as Recommended. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by Woeltje, to Approve the Resolution Designating Interest Earnings for 2012-2013. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Woeltje, seconded by Darrow, to Approve the Additional Leasing Funds for the Purchase of Computers as Recommended Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Linton, seconded by McFadden, to Approve the Bridge Program for the 2013-2014 School Year as Recommended. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Abstain (1 – Schuler) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Woeltje, seconded by Darrow, to Approve the 2013-2014 Winter Sports Coaches as Recommended with the Exception of Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Dave Holmes. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

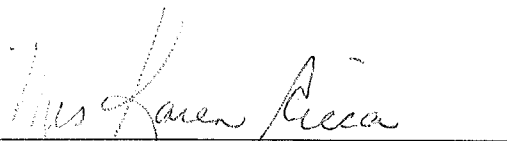
MOTION by Woeltje, seconded by Darrow, to Approve Mr. Dave Holmes as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for the 2013-2014 School Year as Recommended. Ayes (5) Nays (1 - Linton) **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Schuler, seconded by Woeltje, to Acknowledge and Approve "No Change" to STHS Bullying Policy 7:180. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

President's Prerogative - None

Adjourn

MOTION by Darrow, seconded by Woeltje, to Adjourn From the Regular Meeting. TIME: 8:38 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Mrs. Karen Ricca, President



Mrs. Dianna Schuler, Acting As Board Secretary